

ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
TOWN OFFICERS  
of  
WESTMORELAND  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



*for the Year Ending December 31, 1954*  
and  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**  
*for Year Ending June 30, 1954*



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**TOWN OFFICERS**

**WESTMORELAND, N. H.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

**DECEMBER 31, 1954**

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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OSCAR W. BILLINGS	Representative to General Court
PAUL D. KING	Moderator
RUTH E. BURT	Town Clerk
RUTH E. BURT	Tax Collector
DONALD A. PAINE, Chairman	First Selectman
LAWRENCE A. LEACH	Second Selectman
THEODORE H. DINKEL	Third Selectman
CHARLES H. ALDRICH	Treasurer
CHARLES H. ALDRICH	Trustee of Trust Funds
NELLIE F. ALDRICH	Trustee of Trust Funds
MAUDE E. MESSE	Trustee of Trust Funds
LUCY B. THOMPSON	Library Trustee and Treasurer
ELIZABETH M. MOORE	Library Trustee
ANNA B. BRITTON	Library Trustee
DOROTHY R. RHODES	Librarian
ARTHUR C. HATT	Constable
EDNA M. PAINE	Health Officer
MERTON C. LEACH	Supervisor of Check List
GLADYS L. PLOOF	Supervisor of Check List
ANNIE M. SHELLEY	Supervisor of Check List
CHARLES W. MESSE	Road Agent, Village District
EDWIN H. KING	Road Agent, East and North District
LEON E. McCLENING	Road Agent, River District
LUCY B. THOMPSON	Briggs Christmas Fund
MARJORIE G. FARRAR	Briggs Christmas Fund
WALTER E. DUNN	Auditor
NINA E. CHRISTIAN	Auditor
PAUL R. HATT	Fire Chief
J. R. FREDETTE	Janitor

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the budget committee under the authority of the municipal budget act. (This budget may be considered item by item or as a whole but may not be increased more than ten percent in any item as a whole).
4. To hear the reports of agents and auditors and take any action thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote for snow removal and sanding on either Class V or Class VI roads or take any other action relating thereto. Raise and appropriate money for the same.
6. To see if the Town will vote for Class IV and Class V roads, construction, reconstruction or betterment aid, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$577.88 which is 15% of the state appropriation, the state will contribute \$3,852.54.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in addition to what is required by law for highways and bridges.

8. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income of the Jotham Lord Fund.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the support of the Library.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used in co-operation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the Town.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79.00 (1/100th of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for the upkeep of cemeteries.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

14. \*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the Elliot Community Hospital in Keene, this figure being based on the proportionate share of the total being asked from all county towns.

15. \*To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the installation of a water facility for fire protection purposes. The location and nature of the installation to be based on most critical need as determined by the Chief and members of his Department.

16. \*To see if the Town will vote to allow the preparation and serving of the school lunch program at the Town Hall until such time as other facilities are available.

17. \*To see if the Town will vote to allow Bingo games to be played in the Town Hall for the benefit of the Westmoreland Fire Department to finish payments on new fire Station.

18. \*To see if the Town will vote to declare its willingness to accept a state sales tax with food exempted, in order to relieve the burden to the property tax payer and to aid education.

19. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

\*Handed in by individuals.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

DONALD A. PAINE,  
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,  
THEODORE H. DINKELE,  
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DONALD A. PAINE,  
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,  
THEODORE H. DINKELE,  
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

## TOWN MEETING

March 9, 1954

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The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Paul D. King, who read the warrant.

Article 1. This article was open for the entire meeting for balloting for town officers.

Articles 2 and 3. These articles were taken up together, the following sums being raised and appropriated.

Town officers' salaries	\$1,800 00
Town officers' expenses	1,100 00
Election and registration	200 00
Town Hall	2,400 00
Police department	50 00
Fire department	2,180 00
Health	100 00
Vital Statistics	20 00
Memorial Day	10 00
Aid to soldiers	50 00
Parks	85 00
Legal expenses	150 00
Town poor	1,200 00
Old Age Assistance	1,200 00
Social Security	200 00
Int. on temporary loans	350 00
Int. on long term notes	300 00
Street lighting	350 00
Long term payment	3,000 00

Article 4. It was voted to accept the town report as printed.

Article 5. A sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 was voted to be raised and appropriated for snow removal and sanding.

Article 6. The sum of \$600.79 was voted to be raised and appropriated for Class V assistance. The State's share to be \$4,005.28.

Article 7. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00, including what is required by law for highways and bridges. \$8,000.00 for summer maintenance, \$1,500.00 for general highway expense.

Article 8. The income of the Jotham Lord fund was voted to be used for the support of the library.

Article 9. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the support of the library.

Article 10. The sum of \$400.00 was voted to be raised and appropriated for control of White Pine Blister under the supervision of State department of Forestry.

Article 11. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80.00 for the Monadnock Region Association.

Article 12. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for upkeep of cemeteries.

Article 13. It was voted to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 14. The vote on the contribution to the Elliot Community Hospital was by ballot. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the hospital. NO 35 YES 53.

Article 15. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of making a water hole near the town dump.

Article. 16. The town voted its consent for the construction of a fire station on the town hall property.

Article 17. The town voted to accept the sum of \$100.00 from Viola V. Tuttle for perpetual care of the Sumner Hall lot in South Village Cemetery-to be known as Vivian's Memorial Fund.

Article 18. It was voted not to print the town inventory every year.

Article 19. It was voted to continue to elect our town officers by printed ballot.

Article 20. By acclamation, it was voted to continue the use of the Municipal Budget Act.

Article 21. A vote of sincere appreciation was extended to Helen Terry and her assistants for their efficient and satisfactory service on the Briggs Fund Committee for a period of years.

There were 200 ballots cast under Article 1.

Town officers elected were as follows:

Town Clerk. Ruth E. Burt, 181 votes.

Selectman for three years. Theodore H. Dinkel, 122 votes.

Town Treasurer. Charles H. Aldrich, 181 votes.

Tax Collector. Ruth E. Burt, 189 votes.

Trustee town library, three years. Elizabeth Moore, 179 votes.

Auditors. Walter Dunn, 48 votes, Nina Christian, 45 votes.

Trustee of Trust Funds two years. Nellie F. C. Aldrich, 173 votes.

Trustee of Trust Funds three years. Maude E. Messer, 168 votes.

Constable. Arthur Hatt, 71 votes.

Surveyors of wood and lumber. Donald Paine, 8 votes. Charles Kingsbury, 9 votes. Howard Smith, 16 votes.

Fence Viewers. Russell Wellington, 5 votes. Selden Lund, 6 votes. Lawrence Leach, 8 votes.

Budget Committee for three years. Carl M. Barrett, Jr., 126 votes.

Briggs Fund Committee. Lucy Thompson, 180 votes. Marjorie Farrar, 167 votes.

A true record,

RUTH E. BURT,  
Town Clerk.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1955 TO DEC. 31, 1955  
COMPARED WITH THE  
ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIA-  
TIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS  
YEAR JAN. 1, 1954 to DEC. 31, 1954

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
<b>From state:</b>			
Interest and dividends tax	\$2,000 00	\$2,564 10	\$2,500 00
Railroad Tax	435 00	408 86	410 00
Savings Bank Tax	235 00	253 01	250 00
Reimbursement a/c State and			
Federal forest lands	6 50	8 15	8 00
Reimbursement a/c exemption of			
growing wood and timber	2,500 00		3,161 00
For fighting forest fires		73 51	
Reimbursement a/c old age			
assistance		305 94	
Gasoline tax		453 39	400 00
 <b>From local sources</b>			
except taxes:			
Dog licenses	300 00	305 90	300 00
Business licenses, permits and			
filing fees	14 00	19 00	15 00
Rent of town hall and			
other buildings	50 00		
Interest received on taxes			
and deposits	200 00	363 16	350 00

	<b>Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954</b>	<b>Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955</b>
<b>Income of departments:</b>			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment		65 00	
Reimbursement from poor	100 00	300 00	
Donation from Grange		50 00	
Motor vehicle permit fees	2,200 00	2,958 83	2,900 00
Insurance refund		15 28	
Social Security refund		80	
Telephone refund		1 52	
Pine Blister Rust refund		12 00	
 <b>From local taxes other than property taxes:</b>			
(a) Poll taxes—Regular @ \$2	680 00	607 60	600 00
(b) National bank stock taxes	20 00	20 00	20 00
Timber tax yield		1,603 59	1,200 00
 <b>Total revenues from all sources</b>			
except property taxes	\$8,740 50	\$10,389 64	\$12,114 00
Amt. to be raised by prop. taxes (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)			16,137 61
 <b>Total revenues</b>			\$28,251 61

### PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Appropriations Recom'd By Budget Com. 1955
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town officers' salaries	\$1,800 00	\$1,908 08	\$1,800 00
Town officers' expenses	1,100 00	1,027 84	1,300 00
Election and registration expenses	200 00	269 84	75 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,400 00	1,772 03	2,572 00
<b>Protection of persons and property:</b>			
Police department	50 00	81 76	50 00
Fire department	2,180 00	1,776 63	1,575 00
Moth extermin.—Blister rust and care of trees	400 00	400 00	
<b>Health:</b>			
Health department, including hospitals	750 00	671 60	50 00
Vital statistics	20 00	21 00	20 00
Town dump and garbage removal	150 00	90 00	
<b>Highways and bridges:</b>			
Town maintenance—summer	8,000 00	8,079 30	8,400 00
Town maintenance—winter	3,000 00	3,078 20	3,000 00
Street lighting	350 00	317 46	350 00
General expenses of highway department	1,500 00	1,273 00	1,500 00
Town road aid	600 79	574 61	574 61
Libraries	300 00	300 00	300 00
<b>Public welfare:</b>			
Old age state adm. costs		16 40	20 00
Town poor	1,200 00	1,853 35	1,200 00
Old age assistance	1,200 00	1,414 39	1,400 00

	<b>Appropriations Previous Year 1954</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954</b>	<b>Appropriations Recom.'d By Budget Comm. Year 1955</b>
<b>Patriotic purposes:</b>			
Memorial day and veterans' associations	10 00		10 00
Aid to soldiers and their families	50 00		50 00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and playgrounds incl. band concerts	85 00	116 13	100 00
<b>Public service enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	150 00	166 35	175 00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages and legal expenses, incl. dog damage	150 00		150 00
Advertising and regional associations	80 00	80 00	80 00
Employees' retirement and social security	200 00	135 33	200 00
<b>Interest:</b>			
On temporary loans	350 00	209 72	150 00
On long term notes	300 00	299 50	150 00
<b>Indebtedness:</b>			
Payment on principal of debt:			
(b) long term notes	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Total expenditures	\$29,575 79	\$28,933 52	\$28,251 61
LAWRY W. CHURCHILL, DONALD A. PAINE, CARL M. BARRETT, Jr., CHARLES R. ADAMS, JOHN H. TERRY, Jr., Budget Committee.			

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY OF 1954

Real estate	\$672,169 00
Mature wood and timber	1,000 00
Electrical distribution and meters	69,962 00
Horses and mules, 42	2,390 00
Oxen and neat stock, 131	8,630 00
Sheep and goats, 92	1,590 00
Cows, 666	57,785 00
Hogs, 30	750 00
Hens, 5200	4,690 00
Portable Mills, 2	500 00
Wood and lumber	1,500 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	2,790 00
Stock in trade	7,230 00
Mills and machinery	3,000 00
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	\$833,986 00
Less soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to the blind	36,460 00
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Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$797,526 00

### ASSESSMENT OF 1954

Town officers' salaries	\$1,800 00
Town officers' expenses	1,100 00
Social Security	200 00
Election and registration	200 00
Town Hall expenses	2,400 00
Police department	50 00
Fire department	2,180 00
Blister rust control	400 00
Health department	100 00
Town dump	150 00

Vital statistics	20 00
Town road aid	600 79
Town maintenance roads, summer and winter	11,000 00
General expense highway department	1,500 00
Street lighting	350 00
Library	300 00
Old age assistance	1,200 00
Town poor	1,250 00
Memorial day	10 00
Parks and playgrounds	85 00
Cemeteries	150 00
Elliot Community Hospital	650 00
Damages and legal expense	150 00
Monadnock Region Association	80 00
Payment on long term notes	3,000 00
Interest	650 00
County tax	2,671 46
School tax	31,502 70
Total town and school appropriations	\$63,749 95

## ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Interest and dividends tax	\$2,558 10
Railroad tax	431 54
Savings bank tax	253 01
Reimbursement state and federal lands	7 62
Reimbursement exemption of growing wood and timber	4,313 57
Motor vehicle permit fees	3,000 00
Business licenses and fees	14 00
Dog licenses	300 00
Rent of town property	50 00
Interest on taxes and income from trust funds	200 00
Reimbursement of town poor	100 00
Total revenues and credits	\$11,227 84
Total town and school appropriations	63,749 95
Less revenues and credits	11,227 84
	\$52,522 11

Plus overlay	130 58
	\$52,652 69
Less 317 poll taxes at \$2.00	634 00
	\$52,018 69
Less national bank stock tax	20 00
	\$51,998 69
Amount to be raised by property tax on which tax rate is to be figured	\$51,998 69
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$797,526 00
Tax rate \$6.52 per hundred	

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND IN  
CHESHIRE COUNTY**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 25, 1955

DONALD A. PAINE,  
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,  
THEODORE H. DINKEL,  
Selectmen.  
CHARLES H. ALDRICH,  
Treasurer.

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$11,311 71
Accounts due to the town:	
Due from state:	
(b) Bounties	90 00
(c) Remb. a/c exempt growing wood and timber	3,161 37
Unredeemed taxes: (from tax sales on account of)	
(b) Levy of 1953	1,036 66
Uncollected taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1954	15,577 65
(b) Levy of 1953	16 27

(c) Levy of 1952	78 92
(e) State head taxes—Levy of 1954	530 00
Total assets	\$31,802 58
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	5,678 11
Grand total	\$37,480 69
Net debt, December 31, 1953	\$10,002 55
Net Debt, December 31, 1954	5,678 11
Decrease of Debt	4,324 44

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts owed by the town:	
World War II memorial fund	\$121 49
Due to state:	
(a) State head taxes—1954 (Uncollected \$530.00) (Collected— not remitted to state treas. \$226.50)	756 50
Due to school districts: Balance of appropriation	25,502 70
Bonds outstanding:	
Aldrich bridge	1,000 00
River road	9,600 00
Grader	500 00
Total liabilities	\$11,100 00
Grand total	\$37,480 69

**RECEIPTS****Current Revenue:**

From local taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)	
1. Property taxes—current year	\$36,470 40
2. Poll taxes—current year— Regular @ \$2—1954	512 00

3.	National bank stock taxes	20 00
5.	State head taxes @ \$5	1,325 00
7.	Property taxes and yield taxes	
	Previous years	\$15,960 47
8.	Poll taxes—Previous years	
	Regular @ \$2	82 00
9.	State head taxes @ \$5—	
	previous years	565 00
10.	Interest received on taxes	416 63
11.	Penalties on state head taxes	53 50
12.	Tax sales redeemed	278 17
13.	For highways and bridges:	
	From state:	
	(b) For class V highway maintenance	453 39
14.	Interest and dividends tax	2,564 10
15.	Railroad tax	408 86
16.	Savings bank tax and building and loan association tax	253 01
17.	Reimbursement a/c state and federal forest lands	15 77
20.	Fighting forest fires	73 51
22.	Reimbursement a/c old age assistance	305 94
	From local sources, except taxes:	
24.	Dog licenses	305 90
25.	Business licenses, permits and filing fees	19 00
27.	Rent of town property	65 00
29.	Income from trust funds	208 85
33.	Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	12 83
	Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 permits	2,946 00
	Total current revenue receipts	\$63,315 33
	Receipts other than current revenue:	
34.	Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$15,000 00
38.	Refunds	28 08

40. New trust funds received during year	400 00
Great Meadow Grange, use of hall	50 00
Rosetta Gill Refund on telephone bill	1 52
Walter St.John refund to town	300 00
Tax sale of 1953	963 29
Gays express refund on check	2 32
Total receipts from all sources	\$80,060 54
Cash on hand January 1, 1954	13,616 81
Grand total	\$93 677 35

### PAYMENTS

#### Current maintenance expenses:

##### General government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$1,908 08
2. Town officers' expenses	1,027 84
3. Election and registration expenses	269 84
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,772 03

##### Protection of Persons and property:

6. Police department	81 76
8. Fire department, including forest fires	1,867 63
9. Moth extermination—Blister rust and care of trees	400 00
10. Bounties	43 00

##### Health:

14. Health department, including hospitals	671 60
15. Vital statistics	21 00

	Highways and bridges:	
18.	Town road aid	574 61
19.	Town maintenance (summer \$7,625.91) (winter \$3,078.20)	10,704 61
20.	Street lighting	317 46
21.	General expenses of highway department	1,273 00
	Libraries:	
22.	Libraries	300 00
	Public welfare:	
23.	Old age assistance	1,430 76
24.	Town poor	1,853 38
	Recreation:	
28.	Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	116 13
	Public service enterprises:	
30.	Cemeteries, including hearse hire	166 35
	Unclassified	
33.	Advertising and Regional Assoc.	80 00
34.	Taxes bought by town	1,036 66
37.	Employees' retirement and social security	270 66
	Total current maintenance expenses	\$26,185 90
	Interest:	
38.	Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	209 72
39.	Paid on long term notes	299 50
41.	Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	208 85
	Outlay for new construction, equipment and permanent improvements:	
	U. S. government tax on help	45 90

	Indebtedness :	
51.	Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	15,000 00
52.	Payments on long term notes	3,000 00
55.	Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)	400 00
	Payments to other governmental divisions :	
56.	State head taxes paid state treas. (1954 taxes \$1,192.50) (prior yrs. \$357.00)	1,549 50
57.	Taxes paid to county	2,671 46
59.	Payments to school districts (1953 tax \$26,794.81) (1954 tax \$ 6,000.00)	32,794 81
	Total payments for all purposes	\$82,365 64
	Cash on hand December 31, 1954	11,311 71
	Grand total	\$93,677 35

#### **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Description	Value
1. Town hall, land and buildings	\$35,000 00
2. Library, lands and buildings	3,700 00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	50 00
4. Fire department, land and buildings	12,000 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings Equipment	2,500 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	15,000 00
Total	\$57,450 00

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

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	Total number of automobile permits issued from Jan. 1, 1954 through Dec. 31, 1954	
1953-54	11 permits	\$24 31
1954	449 permits	2,934 52
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	Total paid to town treasurer	\$2,958 83
	Dog taxes:	
	95 males @ \$2.00	\$190 00
	22 females @ \$5.00	110 00
	1 kennel @ \$12.00	12 00
	Penalties	17 50
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	Total collected	\$329 50
	Retained as clerk's fees	23 60
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	Total paid town treasurer	\$305 90
	Town meeting filing fees paid treasurer	9 00
	Filing fees for primary election paid treasurer	8 00

RUTH E. BURT,  
Town clerk.

The barn and greater part of John Knight's home was destroyed by fire on Oct. 8. The home has been rebuilt.

The new fire station was built in 1954.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1954

DR.

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$51,998 69
National bank stock tax	20 00
Poll taxes	622 00
Interest on property	3 77
Penalties on polls	5 40
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	\$52,649 86

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes collected	\$36,470 40
Poll taxes collected	512 00
Bank tax collected	20 00
Interest collected	3 77
Property uncollected	15,467 65
Polls uncollected	110 00
Abatement on error	60 64
Penalty on poll taxes	5 20
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	\$52,649 86

Levy of 1953

DR.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$15,211 07
Uncollected polls	96 00
Interest collected	353 93
Interest on taxes sold	39 87
Penalty on poll taxes	8 20
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\$15,709 07

Levy of 1953  
CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Taxes collected	\$14,241 68
Interest collected	353 93
Tax sale	963 29
Interest on taxes sold	39 87
Poll taxes collected	82 00
Penalty on poll taxes	8 20
Poll tax abated	14 00
Property abatements	6 10
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	\$15,709 07

1953 Timber tax warrant	\$1,672 44
Paid to treasurer	\$1,596 17
Uncollected	16 27
Abated	60 00
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Interest paid to treasurer	\$1,672 44
	5 46

Levy of 1952  
DR.

Timber tax	\$154 34
Poll taxes	22 00
Property taxes	61 50
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	\$237 84

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Property tax	\$47 20
By abatement	11 80
R. Kingsbury error in assessment	2 50
Poll taxes abated	22 00
Timber tax collected	75 42
Timber tax uncollected	78 92
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	\$237 84

## 1952 Polls Abated

Joseph Astley	Jewel Goodwin
Jennie Astley	Rachel Kingsbury
Ruth Chapin	Rosalie Stone
Harry Davis, Jr.	Leslie Wilber
Mildred Davis	Charlotte Wilber
Eno Goodwin	

## 1953 Polls Abated

Roberta Brown	Rose Marie Provencher
Jewel Goodwin	Myrtle Scott
William Hoyt	Arthur Sharkey Jr., veteran
Leanne Pepin	

UNREDEEMED TAXES AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 1954

Levy of 1953	1952 Levy	Previous years
\$1,036 66	\$43 79	
	4 98	\$4 79
(to other than town)	(to other than town)	

REDEMPTIONS PAID TREASURER  
DURING 1954

1949	1951	1952	Previous years abated
\$8 43	\$27 83	\$28 75	
		168 18	\$36 49
		36 52	
		8 48	

## 1954 POLL TAXES UNCOLLECTED

Charles Apgar	Gerald Blood
Isabel Apgar	Ethel Blood
Lee Avery	Dorothy Christian
Alice Avery	Mae Cushing
Earl Brennan	Loren Chapin
E. J. Bittner	Hazel Cote
Parmelia Bittner	Wilfred Daniels
Edward Bittner	Norma Daniels
Elizabeth Bittner	William Fancher

Sylvia Fancher	Eleanor Perham
Walter Forbes	Donald Provencher
Vernon Fumagilli	Doris Provencher
Lena Fontaine	Anne Perry
Clyde Goodrum	Virginia Patton
Herman Hastings	Lawrencee Parker
Eleanor Hastings	Edith Parker
Ida Harris	Lawrencee Russell
Lawrence Horton	Catherine Russell
Jean Horton	Carl Sawyer
Marguerite Hawksley	Elizabeth Sawyer
Rosalie Kingsbury	Laura Timpano
Ida May Minkler	Frank VanBuren
Clayton Maylin	Ada Wildey
Dorothy Maylin	John Watkins
William O'Brien	Clara Watkins
Fay O'Brien	Fred Wilson
Rose M. Provencher	Sarah Wilson
Marion Perham	

RUTH E. BURT,  
Tax collector.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

From January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

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### RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury, January 1, 1954	\$13,616 81
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#### Received of Ruth E. Burt, tax collector:

1952 Property tax	\$47 20
1953 Property tax	14,241 68
1954 Property tax	36,470 40
1954 Poll taxes	512 00
Penalty	5 40
1953 Poll taxes	82 00
Penalties	8 20
1952 Yield tax	75 42
1953 Yield tax	1,596 17
1953 Head tax	390 00
Penalties	39 00
1954 Head tax	1,500 00
Penalties	14 50
1953 Tax sale	963 29
Interest on tax sale	39 87
Interest	353 93
1953 Interest on timber	5 46
1954 Interest on timber	3 77
Redemptions	278 17
National bank stock tax	20 00

#### Received of Ruth E. Burt, town clerk:

1953 Auto permits	4 00
1954 Auto permits	2,954 83
1954 Dog tax	305 90
1954 Filing fees	17 00

Received of State Treasurer:	
Reimburse town for loss of taxes on state forest land	15 77
Forest fires	73 51
Interest and dividends tax	2,564 10
Maintenance of class V roads	453 39
Savings bank tax	253 01
Railroad tax	408 86
Refund on white pine blister rust acet.	12 00
Recovery on old age assistance of Charles Norcross	53 20
Recovery on death of Charles Norcross	252 74
Received of Cheshire National Bank:	
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes	15,000 00
Received of Gay's Express:	
Check returned, "no bill"	2 32
Received of Thomas and Paul Hatt:	
Use of town grader	25 00
Received of Samuel Chickering:	
Use of town grader	40 00
Received of selectman Lawrence A. Leach:	
Four Pistol Permits	2 00
Received of Mason Insurance Agency:	
Refund on returned premium	15 28
Received of selectman:	
Social Security	80
Received of Rosetta C. Gill:	
Reimburse town on Canterbury telephone bill	1 52
Received of Lawrence A. Leach:	
Account of Walter St. John	300 00

Received of Mrs. C. W. Tuttle:	
“Vivian’s Memorial Fund” for Cemetery lot	100 00
Received of M. Vesta Fatt:	
For care of the Costello Cemetery lot	200 00
Received of Ina Emery Warren:	
For the Emery cemetery lot	100 00
Received of trustees of trust funds:	
Starkey gift fund interest	208 85
Received of Great Meadow Grange:	
Donation toward cost of light and heat in town hall	50 00
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	\$80,060 54
Balance in treasury, January 1, 1954	13,616 81
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	\$93,677 35

## PAYMENTS

Stafford M. Boardman, county tax	\$2,671 46
Marjorie Hudson, school treasurer	32,794 81
Cheshire National Bank	15,762 22
Vermont Peoples National Bank	2,232 00
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	\$53,460 49
Paid all other selectmen’s orders	28,905 15
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	\$82,365 64
Balance in treasury January 1, 1955	\$11,311 71

CHARLES H. ALDRICH,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS 1954

Received from Ruth E. Burt, collector:

Property taxes, current year	\$36,470 40
Poll taxes, current year	512 00
Property taxes, 1953	14,241 68
Property taxes, 1952	47 20
Poll taxes, 1953	82 00
Penalty on 1954 poll taxes	5 40
Penalty on 1953 poll taxes	8 20
Interest, 1954 property tax	3 77
Interest, 1953 property tax	3 62
Redemption of 1952 tax, Earl Brennan	168 16
Redemption of 1951 tax, E. French Est.	27 83
Redemption of 1952 tax, E French Est.	28 75
Redemption of 1952 tax, Perley Lund	36 52
Redemption of 1949 tax, Harry Haskell Est.	8 43
Redemption of 1952 tax, Ora Underwood	8 48
Interest, 1953 property taxes	353 93
Tax sale, 1953	963 29
Interest on tax sale, 1953	39 87
Head tax, 1954	1,325 00
Head tax, 1953	565 00
Penalties on head tax, 1953	53 50
Timber yield tax, 1953	1,596 17
Interest on timber tax, 1953	1 84
Timber Yield tax, 1952	75 42
Auto tax 1954	2,946 00
Auto tax 1953	12 83
Dog tax 1954	305 90
National Bank Stock tax	20 00
Filing fees 1954	17 00

Received from state treasurer:	
Reimbursement on loss of taxes on state forest land	7 62
Recovery of 1953 old age assistance of Charles Norcross	53 20
Forest fires	73 51
Gas tax money for class V highways	453 39
Interest and dividends tax 1954	2,564 10
Savings bank tax	253 01
Railroad tax	408 86
Refund on pine blister rust account	12 00
Reimbursement on loss of taxes on state forest land	8 15
Recovery on death of Charles Norcross 1954	252 74

Received from:	
Trustees of trust funds, Starkey gift fund	208 85
Mason Insurance Agency refund	15 28
Annie Shelley, social security tax	80
Samuel Chickering, use of grader	40 00
Thomas and Paul Hatt, use of grader	25 00
Lawrence A. Leach, pistol permits	2 00
Lawrence A. Leach, account of Walter St. John	300 00
Cheshire National Bank, Town notes	15,000 00
Mr. Vesta Fatt, Fund for care of Costello lot in South Village cemetery --	200 00
Ina Emery Warren, Fund for care of Emery lot in Canoe Meadow cemetery	100 00
Mrs. C. W. Tuttle, fund for care of Sumner H. and Martha J. Hall lot in South Village cemetery	100 00
Rosetta C. Gill, reimbursement on Canterbury telephone bill	1 52
Great Meadow Grange, Donation to apply on use of Town Hall for heat and lights	50 00

Received of Gays Express:	
Refund	2 32
Total receipts	\$80,060 54

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS 1954

Town officers' salaries	\$1,908 08
Town officers' expenses	1,027 84
Election and registration	269 84
Town hall	1,772 03
Police department	81 76
Fire department	1,867 63
Bounties	43 00
Health department	21 60
Vital statistics	21 00
Street lighting	317 46
General expense highway department	1,273 00
Library	300 00
Old age assistance	1,414 36
Town poor	1,853 39
Parks and playgrounds	111 13
Cemeteries	166 35
Taxes bought by town	1,036 66
Town Road Aid	574 61
Interest on long term notes	299 50
Interest on temporary notes	209 72
Paid temporary loans	15,000 00
Paid to school district	32,794 81
Starkey trust fund	208 85
Head taxes paid to state of New Hampshire	1,549 50
State of New Hampshire welfare costs	16 40
Monadnock Region	80 00
County tax	2,671 46
Collector Internal Revenue U. S. tax	45 90
Social security account	270 66
Tar account	2,314 31
Snow Removal and sanding	3,078 20
Road Maintenance summer	5,311 60
Trust funds paid to trustees	400 00
Elliot Community Hospital	650 00
Long term notes	3,000 00
State of New Hampshire, Forestry Dept.	400 00
Total	\$82,365 64

**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Thomas W. Hatt, making out town reports	\$34 30
Donald A. Paine, making out town reports	34 30
Lawrence A. Leach, making out town reports	34 30
Donald A. Paine, Selectman's salary	294 00
Lawrence A. Leach, Selectman's salary	294 00
Theodore H. Dinkel, Selectman's salary	294 00
Nina E. Christian, Auditor salary	29 40
Charles H. Aldrich, Treasurer salary	196 00
Ruth E. Burt, Tax Collector's salary 1954	200 00
Ruth E. Burt, Collecting head taxes	96 78
Ruth E. Burt, Balance of salary, tax collector and town clerk	171 50
Ruth E. Burt, issuing auto permits	229 50
Total	\$1,908 08

**TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

J. F. Cady, Selling Town Property	\$10 00
Chase's Book Store, Supplies	51 88
Walter Dunn, Auditor salary and postage	31 17
Thomas Hatt, postage	27 40
N. H. Assessor's Assoc. Dues	3 00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	13 06
Mason Insurance Co., bonds	117 80
Ashuelot-Citizens Nat. Bank, Box Rent	4 80
Lois G. Leach, Typing town report	14 70
Esther Bennett, Records	20
Donald A. Paine, telephone and postage	12 84
Registrar of Deeds, Records	14 84
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports	297 60
N. H. Tax Collector's Assoc. Dues	3 00
Blodgett Studios, Printing stationery	3 75
G. H. Tilden, supplies	8 18
Spencer Hardware Co., supplies	2 35
D. Reed Chaplin, records of deeds	6 50
Lawrence A. Leach, postage	3 19
Mason Insurance Co., insurance	239 00
Edna M. Paine, copying town book	20 00
G. E. Britton, supplies	1 55

Lawrence A. Leach, overseer of poor, expenses	50 00
Charles H. Aldich, postage	25 00
D. Reed Chaplin, mortgage list	1 50
Ruth E. Burt, postage and supplies	59 80
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Total	\$1,027 84

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Sentinel Printing Co. printing ballots	\$12 29
Eleanor McClenning, Dinners at election	36 25
Annie Shelley, Supervisor of check list	40 00
Nina E. Christian, ballot clerk	14 70
Paul D. King, moderator	44 10
Charles H. Aldrich, ballot clerk	14 70
Nellie Aldrich, ballot clerk	14 70
Mary Hatt, ballot clerk	14 70
Merton C. Leach, supervisor of check list	39 20
Gladys L. Ploof, supervisor of check list	39 20
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	\$269 84

## TOWN HALL

Hope Coal Co., coal	\$499 59
Paul Hatt, electrical work	2 40
Walter Dunn, carpenter work	9 13
Farm Bureau Ins. Co., insurance	225 68
Harold O. Pierce, insurance	138 04
Perley F. Safford, gas	25 00
Theodore H. Dinkel, telephone	3 05
Oscar Ekberg, tuning piano	9 00
Edward White, carpenter work	6 00
Robert L. Blood, wood	100 00
Cheshire Gas Service, Gas	30 70
R. L. Galloway, repairs on pump	4 62
G. E. Britton, supplies	22 38
Public Service Co. of N. H. lights	19 32
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	116 92
J. R. Fredette, janitor	426 60
Mason Insurance Co., Town Hall ins. for 3 years	133 60
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Total	\$1,772 03

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arthur Hatt, constable	\$81 76
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence A. Leach, fire bill	\$37 25
Robertson Motor Co.	17 80
Mass. Bonding Co., fireman's insurance	116 40
N. H. Safety & Fire Equipment Co., fire pump	400 00
Lawrence A. Leach, fire bill	98 75
Harry J. Lovell Co., fire Hose	739 00
Guy A. Blanchard, supplies	13 60
Harold O. Pierce, insurance	105 95
Lawrence A. Leach, fire bill	22 00
G. E. Britton, supplies	56 66
City of Keene, fire truck for Knight fire	30 00
Spofford Fire District, fire truck for Knight fire	78 00
Gay's Express, express for hose	2 32
Frank Hubner, Bulldozing for water hole at dump	90 00
Lawrence A. Leach, fire bills	59 90
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Total	\$1,867 63

The Board of Selectmen wish to extend to the members of the Westmoreland Fire Department their appreciation for their untiring efforts in building the new fire station.

## BOUNTIES

Lawrence A. Leach, hedgehogs	\$25 50
Donald A. Paine, hedgehogs	14 50
Theodore H. Dinkel, hedgehogs	3 00
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Total	\$43 00

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Edna M. Paine, expenses	\$12 00
Sentinel Printing Co., Signs	9 60
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Total	\$21 60

## VITAL STATISTICS

Ruth E. Burt	\$21 00
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## STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights	\$317 46
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## GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Pinnacle View Farm Equipment Co., grader repairs	\$119 69
Harold O. Pierce, grader insurance	83 90
Guy's Service Station, supplies	22 86
State of New Hampshire, chloride	509 54
Keene Sand & Gravel Co., sand	28 50
Guy's Service Station, supplies	57 99
R. N. Johnson, supplies	16 44
Columbian Steel Co., grader blades	30 30
Robertson Motor Co., supplies	2 50
Charles Messer, bridge plank	76 50
Guy's Service Station, supplies	80 63
Donald A. Paine, bridge plank	134 18
Huntley Rake Co., rake teeth	38 00
Hill-Martin Corp. grader parts	42 64
Robertson Motor Co., repairs on grader	4 50
G. E. Britton, supplies	7 30
Robert E. Dunklee & Sons, repairs on grader	17 53
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Total	\$1,273 00

## LIBRARY

Paid to Lucy Thompson, Treas.	\$300 00
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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Paid to N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	\$1,414 39
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## NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTRY COMMISSION

Paid on White Pine Blister Rust Account	\$400 00
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## TOWN POOR

Paid to Cheshire County, freight bill on food	53 74
Leslie Wilber, Groceries & medical supplies	521 24
Bertha Chickering, board & medical supplies	844 80
Walter Forbes, assistance	105 49
Etta Canterbury, house rent and supplies	285 53
Ida Minkler, assistance	42 59
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Total	\$1,853 39

### PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Thornton H. Paine, mowing common	\$94 13
Chase Tree Service, spraying trees	12 00
Edward Comerford, mowing Barker Park	5 00
Total	\$111 13

### CEMETERIES

Donald Provencher, repairs on tomb at Pratt Cemetery	\$48 15
Thornton H. Paine, Mowing Works Cemetery	30 00
Merton C. Leach, Cemetery work	14 70
Neal Shelley, mowing East Westmoreland Cemetery	29 40
Linwood Burt, work on Village Cemetery	24 50
Charles Aldrich, Cemetery work	19 60
Total	\$166 35

### TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Tax Sale of 1954 on 1953 Taxes	\$963 29
Interest on taxes bought by town	39 87
Cost of taxes bought by town	33 50
Total	\$1,036 66

### TOWN ROAD AID

Expended by Charles Messer, foreman	\$574 61
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### INTEREST ACCOUNT

Cheshire National Bank, Interest on long term notes	\$67 50
Vermont Peoples Nat. Bank, Interest on long term notes	232 00
Cheshire National Bank, interest on short term notes	209 72
Total	\$509 22

### TEMPORARY LOANS

(In anticipation of taxes)

Borrowed from Cheshire National Bank	\$15,000 00
Paid Cheshire National Bank	15,000 00

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Balance due schools on January 1, 1955	\$25,502 70
Raised for support of schools, 1953-1954	31,502 70

Paid on 1953-54 appropriation	26,794	81
Paid on 1954-55	6,000	00
Total paid in 1954	32,794	81

#### STARKEY TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Received from trustees of trust funds	\$208	85
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This money was distributed by the selectmen to several deserving families and elderly people in town.

#### HEAD TAX ACCOUNT

Paid State of New Hampshire for head taxes	\$1,549	50
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#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Paid State of New Hampshire, Dept. of Public Welfare	\$16	40
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#### MONADNOCK REGION ACCOUNT

Paid Monadnock Region Association	\$80	00
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#### COUNTY TAX

Paid Cheshire County Commissioners, County tax	\$2,671	46
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#### U. S. GOVERNMENT WITHHOLDING TAX ON HELP

Due Collector of Internal Revenue	\$45	90
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue	45	90

#### SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT

Paid State of N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	\$270	66
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#### TAR ACCOUNT

Paid to Independent Coal Tar Co.	\$2,314	31
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#### GAS TAX MONEY

Received from State of New Hampshire	\$453	39
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This money was expended by the road agents on graveling town roads.

#### SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Expended by Leon McClenning	\$648	14
Expended by Charles Messer	1,172	13
Expended by Edwin King	1,257	93
Total	\$3,078	20

## ROAD MAINTENANCE—SUMMER

Expended by Leon McClenning	\$2,174 28
Expended by Charles Messer	1,625 02
Expended by Edwin King	1,512 30
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Total	\$5,311 60

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Paid by Mrs. C. W. Tuttle	\$100 00
Paid by Ina Emery Warren	100 00
Paid by V. Fatt, -Costello Fund	200 00
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Total	\$400 00

## ELLIOT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Paid to treasurer of Elliot Community Hospital	\$650 00
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## LONG TERM NOTES

Paid Cheshire National Bank on grader note	\$500 00
Paid Vermont Peoples Nat. Bank, road note	2,000 00
Paid Cheshire National Bank, Aldrich Bridge note	500 00
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Total	\$3,000 00

## OUTSTANDING NOTES

Cheshire National Bank:	
April, 1950 Grader Note	\$2,500 00 due \$ 500 00
November 28, 1951, Kirke Aldrich	
Bridge note	2,500 00 due 1,000 00
Vermont Peoples National Bank:	
May 20, 1947 River Road Note	12,600 00      9,600 00

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall & equipment	\$35,000 00
Library building & contents	3,700 00
Fire Department	12,000 00
School Department, land and buildings	15,000 00
Road Equipment	2,500 00
Police Department	50 00

## REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS

### CHARLES W. MESSER

#### JANUARY 1954 SNOW BILL

Charles Messer, 67 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$100 50
Charles Messer, 83 hrs. @ \$1.00	83 00
Charles Messer, Gas & Oil for grader	10 50
Charles Adams, 3 hrs. @ \$2.50	7 50
Philip Staples, 6 hrs. @ \$2.50	15 00
Paul Hatt, 5 hrs. @ \$2.50	12 50
Edwin Messer, 39 hrs. @ \$1.00	39 00
Thomas Hatt, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
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	\$278 00

#### FEBRUARY 1954, SNOW BILL

Charles Messer, 34 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$51 00
Charles Messer, 34 hrs. @ \$1.00	34 00
Charles Messer, Gas & oil for grader	2 90
Elwin Messer, 23 hrs. @ \$1.00	23 00
Edwin King, 16 hrs. @ \$2.50	40 00
Earl Edwards, 6 hrs. @ \$1.00	6 00
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	\$156 90

#### MARCH 1954, SNOW BILL

Charles Messer, 20 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$30 00
Charles Messer, 20 hrs. @ \$1.00	20 00
Elwin Messer, 6 hrs. @ \$1.00	6 00
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	\$56 00

#### APRIL MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer. 34 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$51 00
Charles Messer 34 hrs. @ \$1.00	34 00
Charles Messer, Gas & oil for grader	3 30
Elwin Messer, 4 hrs. @ \$1.00	4 00
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	\$92 30

## MAY MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 73 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$109 50
Charles Messer, 105 hrs. @ \$1.00	105 00
Charles Messer, 14 posts @ .50	7 00
Philip Staples, 69 hrs. @ \$1.00	69 00
Lawry Churchill, 24 yds. gravel	2 40
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	\$292 90

## JUNE MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 12 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$18 00
Charles Messer, 60 hrs. @ \$1.00	60 00
Charles Messer, Gas & oil for grader	2 80
Philip Staples, 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
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	\$108 80

## JULY MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 12 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$18 00
Charles Messer, 24 hrs. @ \$1.00	24 00
Charles Messer, Gas & oil for grader	4 50
Starr Greeley, 24 hrs. @ \$1.00	24 00
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	\$70 50

## AUGUST MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 24 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$36 00
Charles Messer, 44 hrs. @ \$1.00	44 00
Starr Greeley, 5 hrs. @ \$1.00	5 00
Robert Hatt, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Merton Leach, 9 hrs. @ \$1.00	9 00
Philip Staples, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Lyle McClenning, 24 hrs. @ \$1.00	24 00
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	\$134 00

## SEPTEMBER MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 12 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$18 00
Charles Messer, 34 hrs. @ \$1.00	34 00
Robert Blood, 34 hrs. @ \$1.00	34 00
Lyle McClenning, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
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	\$96 00

## OCTOBER MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 72 hrs. @ 1.50	\$108 00
Charles Messer, 91 hrs. @ \$1.00	91 00
Charles Messer, Gas & oil for grader	23 10
Robert Blood, 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
Philip Staples, 5 hrs. @ \$1.00	5 00
Lawrence Russell, 310 yds. gravel @ .10	31 00
Lyle McClenning, 39 hrs. @ \$1.00	39 00
Starr Greeley, 24 hrs. @ \$1.00	24 00
Leon McClenning, 16 hrs. @ \$2.50	40 00
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	\$389 10

## NOVEMBER MAINTENANCE

Charles Messer, 38 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$52 00
Charles Messer, 38 hrs. @ \$1.00	38 00
Wesley Staples, 40 hrs. @ \$1.00	40 00
Charlie Davidson, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Lawrence Russell, 50 yds. gravel @ .10	5 00
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	\$148 00

## NOVEMBER SNOW ACCOUNT

Charles Messer, 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$28 00
Charles Messer, 28 hrs. @ \$1.50	42 00
Wesley Staples, 16 hrs. @ \$1.00	16 00
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	\$86 00

## DECEMBER SNOW ACCOUNT

Charles Messer, 49 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$73 50
Charles Messer, 56 hrs. @ \$1.00	56 00
Charles Messer, 50 gal. gas & 3 gal. oil	16 00
Philip Staples, 23 hrs. @ \$1.00	23 00
Elwin Messer, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
Walter Post, 30 yds. gravel @ .10	3 00
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	\$181 50

**LEON E. McCLENING****JANUARY 1954 WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Leon McClening, Plowing 47 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$70 50
Leon McClening, Sand Truck 20 hrs. @ \$1.00	20 00
Leon McClening, labor 67 hrs. @ \$1.00	67 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 17½ hrs. @ \$1.00	17 50
Robert Knights, labor 9½ hrs. @ \$1.00	9 50
Raymond Aldrich, labor 12 hrs. @ \$1.00	12 00
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	\$196 50

**FEBRUARY 1954**

Leon McClening, plowing 11 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$16 50
Leon McClening, sanding truck 21 hrs. @ \$1.00	21 00
Leon McClening, labor 32 hrs. @ \$1.00	32 00
Robert Knights, labor 11 hrs. @ \$1.00	11 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 17 hrs. @ \$1.00	17 00
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	\$97 50

**MARCH 1954**

Leon McClening, sanding truck 14 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$14 00
Leon McClening, labor 14 hrs. @ \$1.00	14 00
Charles Davidson, labor 13 hrs. @ \$1.00	13 00
Robert Knights, labor 13 hrs. @ \$1.00	13 00
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	\$54 00

**DECEMBER 1954**

Leon McClening, plowing 71 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$106 50
Leon McClening, labor 71 hrs. @ \$1.00	71 00
Starr Greeley, labor 31 hrs. @ \$1.00	31 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 19 hrs. @ \$1.00	19 00
Clinton Boudrieau, labor 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
William McClening, labor 5 hrs. @ \$1.00	5 00
Richard Bittner, sand 150 yds. @ .10	15 00
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	\$257 50

DIRT ROADS 1954  
APRIL

Leon McClening, truck 15½ hrs. @ \$1.00	\$15 50
Leon McClening, labor 44½ hrs. @ \$1.00	44 50
Leon McClening, Gas, 43 gal. @ .27	11 61
Starr Greeley, labor 52½ hrs. @ \$1.00	52 50
Lawrence Russell, gravel, 35 yds. @ .10	3 50
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	\$127 61

MAY

Leon McClening, truck, 17 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$25 50
Leon McClening, labor 25 hrs. @ \$1.00	25 00
Leon McClening, gas, 29 gal. @ .27	7.83
Edwin King, truck, 17 hrs. @ \$1.50	25 50
Edwin King, labor 17 hrs. \$1.00	17 00
Charles Messer, truck, 5 hrs. @ \$1.50	7 50
Charles Messer, labor 5 hrs. @ \$1.00	5 00
Raymond Aldrich, labor 17 hrs. @ \$1.00	17 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 17 hrs. @ \$1.00	17 00
Starr Greeley, labor 25 hrs. @ \$1.00	25 00
Harvey Garrapy, labor 17 hrs. @ \$1.00	17 00
L. W. Churchill, gravel, 132 yds. @ .10	13 20
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	\$199 53

CLEAN UP DAY MAY

Leon McClening, truck, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$8 00
Leon McClening, labor, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Starr Greeley, labor, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
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	\$24 00

JUNE

Leon McClening, truck 12 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$12 00
Leon McClening, labor 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
Leon McClening, gas, 5 gal. @ .27	1 35
Starr Greeley, labor 26 hrs. @ \$1.00	26 00
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	\$67 35

## JULY

Leon McClening, truck 18 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$27 00
Leon McClening, labor 18 hrs. @ \$1.00	18 00
Starr Greeley, labor 41 hrs. @ \$1.00	41 00
Charles Messer, truck 10 hrs. @ \$1.50	15 00
Lawrence Russell, gravel 110 yds. @ .10	11 00
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	\$110 00

## AUGUST

Starr Greeley, cutting brush 51 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$51 00
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## SEPTEMBER

Leon McClening, labor 69 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$69 00
Leon McClening, Gas, 69 gal. @ \$1.00	18 63
Starr Greeley, labor 63 hrs. @ \$1.00	63 00
Raymond Aldrich, grader repairs	10 00
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	\$160 63

## NOVEMBER

Leon McClening, truck 13 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$19 50
Leon McClening, labor 13 hrs. @ \$1.00	13 00
Leon McClening, gas, 20 gal. @ .26	5 20
Charles Messer, truck 16 hrs. @ \$1.50	24 00
Charles Messer, labor 16 hrs. @ \$1.00	16 00
Edwin King, Truck 18 hrs. @ \$1.50	27 00
Edwin King, labor 18 hrs. @ \$1.00	18 00
Starr Greeley, labor 17 hrs. @ \$1.00	17 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 17 hrs. @ \$1.00	17 00
Edward Willette, Gravel, 200 yds. @ .10	20 00
Lawrence Russell, gravel 30 yds. @ .10	3 00
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	\$179 70

## TAR ROADS

## APRIL

Leon McClening, truck 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$8 00
Leon McClening, labor 8 hrs. @ 1.00	8 00
Starr Greeley, labor 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Raymond Aldrich, labor 4 hrs. @ \$1.00	4 00
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	\$28 00

## MAY

Leon McClening, truck 49½ hrs. @ \$1.00	\$49 50
Leon McClening, labor 63½ hrs. @ \$1.00	63 50
Leon McClening, gas @ .27	5 70
Starr Greeley, labor 63½ hrs. @ \$1.00	63 50
Charles Messer, truck 16½ hrs. @ \$1.00	16 50
Charles Messer, labor 16½ hrs. @ \$1.00	16 50
Edwin King, truck 6½ hrs. @ \$1.00	6 50
Edwin King, labor 6½ hrs. @ \$1.00	6 50
Harvey Garrapy, labor 6½ hrs. @ \$1.00	6 50
Merton Leach, labor 4 hrs. @ \$1.00	4 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 2 hrs. @ \$1.00	2 00
Robert Knights, labor 2 hrs. @ \$1.00	2 00
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	\$242 70

## JUNE

Leon McClening, truck 45 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$67 50
Leon McClening, labor 85 hrs. @ \$1.00	85 00
Leon McClening, gas, 63 gal @ .27	17 01
Charles Messer, truck 42 hrs. @ \$1.50	63 00
Charles Messer, labor 48 hrs. @ \$1.00	48 00
Edwin King, truck 41 hrs. @ \$1.50	61 50
Edwin King, labor 41 hrs. @ \$1.00	41 00
Harvey Garrapy, labor 41 hrs. @ \$1.00	41 00
Merton Leach, labor 41 hrs. @ \$1.00	41 00
Starr Greeley, labor 52 hrs. @ \$1.00	52 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 7 hrs. @ \$1.00	7 00
Richard Bittner, sand, 40 yds. @ .10	4 00
Edward Willette, sand, 132 yds. @ .10	13 20
Lawrence Russell, sand, 20 yds. @ .10	2 00
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	\$543 21

## AUGUST

Starr Greeley, labor 55 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$55 00
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## SEPTEMBER

Leon McClening, labor 9 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$9 00
Starr Greeley, labor 60 hrs. @ \$1.00	60 00
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	\$69 00

## OCTOBER

Leon McClening, labor 55 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$55 00
Leon McClening, truck 15 hrs. @ \$1.00	15 00
Leon McClening, gas, @ .27	5 61
Starr Greeley, labor 43 hrs. @ \$1.00	43 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 6 hrs. @ \$1.00	6 00
Richard Rhodes, labor 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
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	\$135 61

## NOVEMBER

Leon McClening, truck 32 hrs. @ \$1.50	\$48 00
Leon McClening, labor 32 hrs. @ \$1.00	32 00
Leon McClening, gas, 20 gal. @ .26	5 20
Starr Greeley, labor 20 hrs. @ \$1.00	20 00
Charlie Davidson, labor 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
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	\$133 20

## EDWIN H. KING ACCOUNT

## WINTER MAINTENANCE—JANUARY 1954

Kirk Aldrich, 24 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$60 00
Alonzo Hudson, 30½ hrs. @ \$2.50	76 25
Edwin King, 91 hrs. @ \$2.50	227 50
Charles Messer, 12 hrs. @ \$2.50	30 00
Charles Perham, 55 hrs. @ \$1.00	55 00
Elwin Messer, 12 hrs. @ \$1.00	12 00
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	\$460 75

## FEBRUARY

Edwin King, 45 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$112 50
Charles Messer, 17 hrs. @ \$2.50	42 50
Harold King, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Elwin Messer 6 hrs. @ \$1.00	6 00
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	\$168 50

## MARCH

Edwin King, 16 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$40 00
Edwin King, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
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	\$50 00

## DECEMBER

Edwin King, 28 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$70 00
Paul King, 14 hrs. @ \$1.00	14 00
Harold King, 14 hrs. @ \$1.00	14 00
Alonzo Hudson, 4 hrs. @ \$2.50	10 00
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	\$108 00

## DIRT ROADS

## MAINTENANCE APRIL 1954

Edwin King, 68 hrs. @ \$2.00	\$136 00
Edwin King, 88 hrs. @ \$1.00	88 00
Harvey Garrapy, 140 hrs. @ \$1.00	140 00
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	\$364 00

## MAY

Edwin King, 48 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$120 00
Edwin King, 40 hrs. @ \$1.00	40 00
Leon McClening, 20 hrs. @ \$2.50	50 00
Charles Messer, 5 hrs. @ \$2.50	12 50
Starr Greeley, 21 hrs. @ \$1.00	21 00
Harvey Garrapy, 56 hrs. @ \$1.00	56 00
Paul King, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
Edwin King, Spikes	3 00
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	\$312 50

## JUNE

Edwin King, 25 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$25 00
Charles Messer, 25 hrs. @ \$1.00	25 00
Paul King, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
Harold King, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
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	\$70 00

MAINTENANCE—JULY  
LONDON ROAD

Edwin King, 32 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$80 00
Charles Messer, 44 hrs. @ \$2.50	110 00
Leon McClening, 32 hrs. @ \$2.50	80 00
Paul King, 14 hrs. @ \$1.00	14 00
Harold King, 22 hrs. @ \$1.00	22 00
Starr Greeley, 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Homer Seward, gravel, 125 yds. @ .10	12 50
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	<b>\$326 00</b>

SEPTEMBER

Edwin King, 32 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$80 00
Edwin King, 122 hrs. @ \$1.00	122 00
Charles Messer, 40 hrs. @ \$2.50	100 00
Charles Messer, 106 hrs. @ \$1.00	106 00
Paul King 8 hrs. @ \$1.00	8 00
Leon McClening, 10 hrs. @ \$1.00	10 00
Philip Staples, 15 hrs. @ \$1.00	15 00
Earl Edwards, 36 hrs. @ \$1.00	36 00
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	<b>\$477 00</b>

OCTOBER

Edwin King, 16 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$40 00
Earl Edwards, 15 hrs. @ \$1.00	15 00
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	<b>\$55 00</b>

NOVEMBER

Edwin King, 32 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$80 00
Charles Messer, 28 hrs. @ \$2.50	70 00
Leon McClening, 28 hrs. @ \$2.50	70 00
Starr Greeley, 32 hrs. @ \$1.00	32 00
Charlie Davidson, 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
Kirk Aldrich, gravel, 300 yds. @ .10	30 00
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	<b>\$310 00</b>

**TARRING**

Edwin King, 28 hrs @ \$2.50	\$70 00
Charles Messer, 28 hrs. @ \$2.50	70 00
Leon McClening, 28 hrs. @ \$2.50	70 00
Starr Greeley, 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
Merton Leach, 28 hrs. @ \$1.00	28 00
Leon McClening, sander	10 00
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	\$304 00

**STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Lucy Thompson, library treasurer, Lord interest	\$60 45
T. H. Paine, mowing and care of Gline Cemetery	19 00
Philip Staples, care of Lord Cemetery	15 00
East Westmoreland Cemetery Assoc., care of lots	58 00
Marjorie Farrar, Briggs Christmas Fund interest	30 23
Town of Westmoreland, Starkey gift fund interest	208 85
Marjorie Hudson, school district treasurer	110 75
Lucy Thompson, library treasurer	75 56
East Westmoreland Union Meeting House Assoc.	18 13
Linwood Burt, care of lots in Village Cemetery	98 00
Seldon B. Lund, care of Barrows lot	3 00
Merton C. Leach, care of lots in Pratt Cemetery	6 00
Charles H. Aldrich, care of lots	50 00
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	\$752 97

**CHARLES H. ALDRICH.**  
Treasurer of Trustees.

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS**

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES H. ALDRICH  
NELLIE F. C. ALDRICH  
MAUDE E. MESSER

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., DECEMBER 31, 1954**

Date of Creation	Trust Funds— Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Rate of Interest Accrued on Principal Beginning Year	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Expenditures During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1816	Iotham Lord, as town may vote	Walpole Savings Bank	\$2,000.00	\$60.45	\$60.45	\$60.45
1817	Elephalet Fox fund for schools	" "	1,000.00	30.23	30.23	30.23
1829	Town literary fund for schools	" "	1,772.67	53.57	53.57	53.57
1890	Henry Estey fund for schools	" "	891.67	26.95	26.95	26.95
1895	Charlotte West fund for cemetery lots	Keene Savings Bank	300.00	66.24	12.00	63.40
1904	Lucy Stratton fund for care of cemetery lots	" "	100.00	13.50	4.00	12.58
1907	Mary A. Graves fund for cemetery lots	" "	100.00	6.64	3.02	3.66
1908	Frank A. Ware fund for cemetery lots	" "	100.00	27.38	3.02	26.50
1914	Frank T. Cole fund for outlying cemeteries	" "	500.00	67.19	15.11	62.30
1914	Julia A. Britton Brown fund for cemetery lot	" "	200.00	40.26	6.05	5.50
1914	Willard Gline fund for care cemetery lot	" "	132.00	11.28	3.00	12.26
1916	Lucia M. Hunt fund for care cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	20.42	3.02	19.44
1916	Emily Estey fund for care cemetery lot	" "	200.00	23.46	6.05	24.51
1916	Louisa F. Sheldy fund for care cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	50.00	1.83	1.50	1.83
1917	Martha Wood Burr Library Fund	" "	500.00	15.11	15.11	15.11
1918	Oliver L. Briggs Library Fund	" "	2,000.00	60.45	60.45	60.45
1918	Oliver L. Briggs Christmas Fund	" "	1,000.00	30.23	30.23	30.23
1918	Oliver L. Briggs fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	53.62	6.05	51.67
1919	Laura Kennedy fund for cemetery lot	" "	50.00	1.68	1.50	1.68
1920	J. E. Buffum fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	17.13	3.02	16.65
1920	Curtis G. Britton fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	2.71	3.02	3.50
1922	Manley P. Henton fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	18.38	3.02	2.73
1922	Earl Warren fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	8.44	3.02	4.00
1923	Sabrina B. Aldrich fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	2.93	3.02	17.40
1925	Agnes B. Pierce fund for cemetery lot	" "	50.00	1.74	1.50	1.74
1925	Eli C. Wellington fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	10.77	3.02	10.29
1925	Joshua Hall, Jr. fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	6.89	3.02	6.91
1928	Adela M. Barrows fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	17.22	3.02	17.24
1929	Adine C. Buffum fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	2.76	3.02	3.00
1929	Martha A. Aldrich fund for cemetery lot	" "	100.00	1.47	3.02	2.78
1929	Jasper Hall fund for cemetery lot	" "	200.00	21.63	6.05	1.49
1930	Charles Hager fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	1.51	3.02	21.68



**REPORT OF BRIGGS COMMITTEE  
1954**

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Balance brought forward	\$12 04
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Receipts:	
Interest on Briggs Fund	\$30 23
Westmoreland Men's Club	25 00
Ladies Aid of Westmoreland	15 00
Great Meadow Grange	5 00
Parent-Teachers Association	5 00
Gifts from friends	15 00
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	\$107 27
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Expenditures:	
Presents for children (208)	\$61 98
Candy, peanuts, etc.	20 21
Bags for candy, etc.	1 50
4 dozen tree ornaments, tinsel	4 25
Christmas tree	1 75
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	\$89 69
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Balance on hand	\$17 58

The retiring committee wishes to thank the entire committee for their whole-hearted support of this annual Christmas Party. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Lawrence Burt for her assistance, and to Mr. and Mrs. John Terry for the Christmas entertainment.

Submitted 11 January 1955:

LUCY THOMPSON,  
MARJORIE FARRAR,  
Briggs Committee.

## REPORT OF WESTMORELAND LIBRARY TREASURER 1954

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### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$38 92
Martha Wood Burt Fund	15 11
Briggs Fund	60 45
Jotham Lord Fund	60 45
Town appropriation	300 00
Sale of books	14 98
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	\$489 91

### EXPENDITURES

Dorothy Rhodes, Services as Librarian	\$126 00
J. R. Fredette, services as janitor, 1953 acet.	12 25
J. R. Fredette, services as janitor, 1954 acet.	35 00
R. L. Blood, ½ cord wood	10 00
Public Service Co.	25 40
Palmer Ins. Agency	8 55
The Book Cellar, books	136 20
Omnibook, 3 yr. subscription	8 00
2 check books, special checking account	2 00
Cash on hand	3 16
Keene National Bank, Checking Acet. balance	123 35
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	\$489 91

The year has ended with a more comfortable working balance thanks to an increase in our appropriation. Fuel and repair bills have been kept at a minimum, and fewer books meeting have been published.

Plans for the immediate future include particular attention to the Juvenile section. There are a great many worn books to

be repaired or discarded, suitable replacements made as well as a general re-arrangement of that department.

Respectfully submitted,  
 LUCY L. THOMPSON,  
 Treasurer.  
 ELIZABETH M. MOORE,  
 ANNA B. BRITTON,  
 Trustees.

Audited and approved,  
 WALTER E. DUNN  
 NINA E. CHRISTIAN.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Balance from last year,	\$ 34
Dues collected since Jan 2, 1954,	1 96

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\$2 30

### EXPENDITURES

N.H.L.A. dues and postage	\$1 13
2 National Order books	90

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Balance	\$ 27
Number of patrons	819
Number of books issued	5,144
Number of books discarded	34
Number of books in library	6,334

DOROTHY R. RHODES,  
 Librarian.

## AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts for the current year of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Briggs Christmas Fund Report, Tax Collector, Library Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds and Road Agents and find them correct and properly vouched.

NINA E. CHRISTIAN,  
WALTER E. DUNN,  
Auditors Town of Westmoreland.

### WESTMORELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Accomplishments of the Westmoreland fire department in 1954

I. Purchased:

150 gal. Hale Portable Pump.  
New hose, 500 feet of 2½ inch.  
New 2½ inch "Y" connector.  
2½ inch by 1½ inch adaptor.

II. Connected tank under tank truck to fill tank and to pump water on fire.

III. Built a new three stall fire house.

IV. Firemen called out to fourteen fires in Westmoreland.

5 Brush or forest fires.  
5 house fires.  
3 chimney fires.  
1 dump fire.

14 fires (Total)

V. Water hole bulldozed at town dump.

VI. Fire siren switch now located in the new house.  
(It is located inside the small door on the first post. Push the switch up when there is a fire.)

VII. Truck siren and red light donated.

Chief of the Westmoreland Fire Dept.

PAUL HATT

Sec. of the Westmoreland Fire Dept.

LYLE McCLENNING

**WESTMORELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING FUND REPORT**

Cash donations :

Land and home owners	\$1,471 52
Members of Fire Department with pay from forest fires, pumping wells, barbecues, dances, etc.	437 21
Total	\$1,908 73
Cash borrowed from bank by members of Fire Department to finish firehouse	\$1,250 00
	\$3,158 73

Materials Donated :

3 M feet of pine boards for roof.  
Hemlock logs for rafters ( 4400 feet 2x8x12 - 2x8x14)  
Ook for carrying timbers and post 8x8x10, 8x8x12.  
Gravel for fill and sand.

Equipment used :

Saw mills, Cement Mixers, Mason Tools, Staging, Portable  
Saws, Trucks Bulldozers.

Time Donated—More than can ever be recorded.

Chief, PAUL HATT

Treas. Building Fund,

LYLE McCLENNING

**MUTUAL AID IN OUR TOWN**

We of the Fire Company have been allowed to join the  
Southwestern New Hampshire Mutual Aid Association.

We are writing this article to explain to you people of Westmoreland how Mutual Aid operates.

Mutual Aid is set up to make available to all cities and towns in the area more equipment such as, pumps, tankers, hose, trucks and manpower, without cost to the town.

In case of a fire and our trucks are called, there is immediately a truck with six men or more if requested sent to our station to be available in case of another fire in town while we are busy on the first fire.

If we need help at any fire the Chief will call the dispatcher at Keene and the help will come from the nearest fire station to the fire, for example, if there is a fire in East Westmoreland the nearest would be the Keene Fire Dept., this would be at no cost to the town.

The Fire Company will appreciate it very much if you people in Westmoreland will cooperate with us to make this work. We feel that we can give you much better protection in a set up such as Mutual Aid, at a much lower cost to the town which should help our taxes and insurance, etc.

The Mutual Aid Pact does not cover forest fires.

In case of fire if an individual feels that his fire is bad enough to warrant calling another fire department himself after calling the Westmoreland Fire Dept. first, he still has the privilege to do so. The town will pay the bill the same as in the past.

We thank you very much for your help in making this plan work.

Chief of Westmoreland Fire Company  
PAUL HATT

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

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**SCHOOL BOARD**

Charles Adams, chairman

Mrs. Ruth Hatt

Thomas Barrett

**MODERATOR**

John Terry

**CLERK**

Dorothy Rhodes

**TREASURER**

Marjorie Hudson

**AUDITOR**

Oscar Billings

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Elliott W. Keach

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### PROPOSED SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 8th day of March, 1955, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officers, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or other officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300.00 for the construction of a fire escape in the cellar of the Village School.
10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$750.00 to make the following improvements and additions in the Village School cellar: Installation of an electric hot water heater, 3 stainless steel sinks, wiring, and a floor for the kitchen.
11. To see what disposition, if any, the voters of the Westmoreland School District will authorize and empower the Westmoreland school board to make of any right title, and/or interest that the school district has or may have in and to the land, and/or buildings of the Depot school so-called.
12. To see what disposition, if any, the voters of the Westmoreland School District will authorize and empower the Westmoreland school board to make of any right, title, and/or interest that the school district has or may have in and to the land, and/or buildings of the Corner school so-called.
13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD**  
For the Year Ending June 30, 1954

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**RECEIPTS**

National School Lunch	\$331 30
State Aid	4,007 66
Local taxation	31,712 35
Trust funds	110 75
Other receipts	24 04
Total receipts from all sources	\$36,186 10
Cash on hand July 1, 1953	51 89
Total	\$36,237 99

**PAYMENTS**

Administration :	
Salary of District Officers :	
Mary Fredette	\$60 00
Charles Adams	50 00
Ruth Hatt	25 00
Willard Patton (school board)	25 00
Marjorit Hudson (Treas. )	50 00
Ruth Churchill	15 00
Oscar Billings	5 00
Willard Patton (moderator)	10 50
Superintendent's salary (local)	\$240 50
Tax for statewide supervision	*\$384 25
	290 00

\*State's share \$2,275.00; Walpole \$1,915.81; Alstead \$723.19; Gilsum \$248.31; Marlow \$179.44; Surry \$174.00.

## Salaries of other Admon. personnel:

Marjorie Hudson (census)	\$10 00
Supt's secretary (local)	161 12
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	\$171 12

## Supplies and Expenses:

Sentinel Printing Co.	\$5 60
Milton Bradley	4 40
Palisade Press	12 00
A. H. Rice & Co.	41 80
Spencer Hardware	3 60
Chase's	1 60
E. W. Keach	7 20
Mary Fredette	9 17
Charles Adams	5 08
Willard Patton	1 70
Marjorie Hudson	4 50
Union Treas. (office supplies)	47 70
Union Treas. (Supt's travel, Union)	116 60
Union Treas. (Supt's travel, non-Union)	21 20
Union Treas. (Telephone calls)	28 33
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	\$310 48

## Instruction:

## Teachers' Salaries:

Eugenia Clonaris	\$1,984 20
Dorothy Dunn	1,862 20
Dorothy Wilson	872 24
Minnie Smith	2,242 40
William Fahey	1,406 00
Grace Borden (substitute)	28 00
Rose Barrett (substitute)	21 00
Ruth Jeffrey (substitute)	16 00
Washington National Insurance	69 60
N. H. Teachers' Retirement	365 96
Director of Internal Revenue	1,359 40
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization	72 40
N. H. School Board Assoc. (dues)	3 00
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	\$10,302 40

## Books and Other Instructional Aids:

Houghton, Mifflin Co.	\$14 50
Lyons & Carnahan	8 07
Sugar Ball Press	2 18
Ginn & Co.	61 02
Carl Fisher Inc.	85
MacMillan Co.	55 68
J. B. Lippincott Co.	20 94
Follett Publishing Co.	78 83
Scott, Foresman & Co.	69 28
American Book Co.	2 88
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	\$313 88

## Scholars' Supplies:

Milton Bradley Co.	\$93 23
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	2 25
H. S. Wolkins Co.	49 44
Cascade Paper Co.	76 96
Chas. E. Merrill Co.	6 96
Scott, Foresman & Co.	75 39
Lynch's Sports Equip.	6 10
World Book Co.	17 97
Hamilton Pub. Co.	2 80
J. L. Hammett Co.	17 43
American Education Pub.	55 50
Mainco Trading Co.	40 00
Kruysman, Inc.	4 42
State Library Ex. Div.	2 00
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	\$450 45

## Supplies and other Expenses:

Milton Bradley Co.	\$11 17
Chase's	18 00
World Almanac	2 20
Eugenia Clonaris	7 00
E. W. Keach	2 64
J. L. Hammett Co.	2 11
California Test Bureau	31 14

Helen Terry (music instruc. expense)	406 00
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	\$477 26

Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of janitors:

J. R. Fredette	\$492 00
Roger Adams	165 70
Minnie Smith	177 00
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	\$834 70

Fule or Heat:

Pepin Motor Co. (wood)	\$100 00
Evans Barrett (wood)	209 00
J. B. Knight (wood)	60 00
J. R. Fredette (handling wood)	5 00
Marjorie Hudson (areosol bombs)	3 20
Perley Safford (gas)	22 50
Keene Oil Co.	270 86
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	\$670 56

Water, lights, supplies and expenses:

Public Service Co.	\$283 80
N. H. Fire & Safety Equip. Co.	35 50
R. L. Galloway	22 90
Wm. E. Downs	25 96
Norcross, Eldredge Co.	10 45
G. E. Britton	13 71
Merrimack Farmers Ex.	2 70
Roger Adams	1 95
Spencer Hardware	1 20
Guy Bemis	1 98
Guy's Service Station	83
Charles Adams	35
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	\$401 33

Maintenence of School Plant:

Repairs & replacements:	
Sherwin Williams Co.	\$35 69

R. N. Johnson	2 17
Nims Plumbing	75
W. E. Aubuchon Co.	2 98
Merrimack Farmers Ex.	1 96
A. H. Rice Co.	87 65
Roger Adams	28 80
J. R. Fredette	159 00
Walter Dunn	38 30
Edward White	8 00
R. L. Galloway	52 28
G. E. Britton	9 50
Charles Messer	15 00
Paul Hatt	6 00
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	\$448 08

#### Auxiliary Activities:

##### Health supervision:

Union Treas. (Nurse's salary)	\$333 90
Union Treas. (Nurse's travel)	15 90
Union Treas. (Nurse's supplies)	4 25
G. E. Britton	25
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	\$354 30

##### Transportation:

Rafael Carbonnel	\$5,162 00
Vera McClenning	1,150 50
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	\$6,312 50

##### High School Tuition:

Brattleboro School Dist.	\$250 00
Walpole School Dist.	3,329 87
Keene School Dist.	3,500 00
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	\$7,079 87

##### Elementary Tuition:

Walpole School District	\$1,753 22
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## Special Activities and Funds :

## School Lunch :

Mrs. Arthur Christian, chrm.	\$400 00
Equipment (Depot)	8 75
Federal Aid	331 30
N. H. Distribution Agency	31 50
Rafael Carbonnel (Spec. Trans.)	16 50
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	\$788 05

## Fixed charges :

## Retirement :

Treas. Union (Supt's & Nurse's)	\$48 50
N. H. Teachers' Retirement	570 72
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	\$619 22

## Insurance :

Clark Ins. Agency	\$126 00
Palmer Ins. Co.	71 26
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	\$197 26
Total payments for all purposes	\$32,399 43
Cash on hand June 30, 1954	3,838 56
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	\$36,237 99

## BALANCE SHEET

## Assets :

Cash on hand June 30, 1954	\$3,838 56
Total	\$3,838 56

## Liabilities :

Renovation Corner School	\$1,500 00
New Heating Plant	
Village School	1,950 00
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Total	\$3,450 00
Surplus	388 56
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Grand total	\$3,838 56

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF WESTMORELAND NEW HAMPSHIRE  
1955-1956

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**EXPENDITURES ITEM**

	Actual Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Actual Expenditures 1954	School Board's Budget 1955-56	Budget Com's, 1955-56
<b>Administration:</b>					
Salaries of district officers	\$240 50	\$223 50		\$223 50	\$223 50
Supt.'s salary (local share)	384 25	339 84	\$382 32	350 28	350 28
Tax for state wide supervision	290 00	338 00	338 00	300 00	300 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	171 12	233 00	223 02	259 00	259 00
Supplies and expenses	310 48	200 48	186 22	316 00	316 00
<b>Instruction:</b>					
Elementary teachers' and principals' salaries	10,302 40	10,670 00	3,375 83	11,680 00	11,270 00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	313 88	245 00	189 20	210 00	210 00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	450 45	390 00	117 74	380 00	380 00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	477 26	560 00	14 33	550 00	550 00

**Operation of School Plant:**

Salaries of custodians, elementary	834 70	975 00	251 00	728 00	728 00
Fuel or heat, elementary	670 56	950 00	226 60	850 00	650 00
Water, lights, supplies and expenses, elementary	401 33	500 00	146 56	450 00	450 00

**Maintenance of School Plant:**

Repairs and replacements, elementary	448 08	750 00	197 28	1,000 00	500 00
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**Auxiliary Activities:**

Health supervision, elementary	354 30	418 00	394 54	405 00	405 00
Transportation, elementary	6,312 50	6,500 00	3,001 50	7,830 00	7,830 00
Tuition, high	7,079 87	9,500 00	2,500 00	13,185 00	12,300 00
Tuition, elementary	1,729 18	3,000 00	1,419 04	2,055 00	2,055 00
Special activities and special funds, elementary			100 00		

School lunch and special milk, elementary	788 05	850 00	200 00	\$1,000 00
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**Fixed Charges:**

Retirement, elementary	619 22	794 00	217 76	782 59	782 59
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elementary	197 26	325 00	157 20	325 00	325 00

Total Current expenses

\$32,375 39      \$37,909 34    \$13,538 14    \$42,879 37    \$39,884 37

**EXPENDITURE ITEMS**

**Capital Outlay:**

	Actual Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Actual Expenditures 1954	School Board's Budget 1955-56	Budget Com's. Budget 1955-56
Lands and new buildings, elementary			\$100 00		
Additions and improvements, elementary			\$100 00	\$1,798 11	200 00
New equipment, elementary			100 00	68 88	100 00
Total Capital Outlay			\$200 00	\$1,866 99	\$400 00
Total expenditures or sch. approp.	\$32,375 39		\$38,109 34	\$15,405 13	\$43,279 37
					\$40,084 37

**RECEIPTS ITEM**

	Actual Receipts 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Actual Receipts 1954	School Board's Budget 1955-56	Budget Com's. Budget 1955-56
Balance ( actual or estimated )	\$51 89	\$200 00	\$3,838 56	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00
State aid	4,007 66	3,800 00	5,675 93	5,600 00	5,600 00
Federal aid	331 30	450 00	81 00	450 00	
Trust funds	110 75	92 15		92 15	92 15
Other				67 72	

Not. rec'ts other than prop. taxes

	\$4,501 60	\$4,542 15	\$9,663 21	\$7,342 15	\$6,892 15
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Dist. assessments raised or to be  
raised by property taxes

\$31,712 35

Total approp. voted by sch. dist.

\$36,213 95

Appropriations Submitted Without Recommendation

Item

School Lunch, elementary

Articles for fire escape and cellar  
improvements, South Village School

Amount

\$1,000 00

1,050 00

LAWRY W. CHURCHILL,  
DONALD A. PAINE,  
CARL M. BARRETT, JR.,  
JOHN H. TERRY, JR.,  
CHARLES R. ADAMS,

Budget committee.

February 3, 1955.

## REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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Cash on hand July 1, 1953	\$51 89
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Received from Selectmen:	
Current appropriation	\$31,712 35
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Received from State Treas.:	
State funds	4,007 66
Federal funds	331 30
Received from trust funds	110 75
Received from other sources	24 04
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Total receipts	\$36,186 10
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$36,237 99
Less school board orders paid	32,399 43
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Balance on hand June 30, 1954	\$3,838 56

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### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

OSCAR W. BILLINGS,  
Auditor.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1954.

79 Pupils were inspected.

38 Pupils were in need of dental care.

5 Pupils were under dental care.

82 Pupils had vision tests.

46 Pupils had hearing tests.

3 Pupils had an eye examination and defect corrected by doctor.

9 Pupils were advised to have throat and nose examinations by their family physician.

23 Attended pre-registration clinic.

Home visits were made by the school nurse which I feel were profitable to parents and the school.

ELLEN L. McAFFEE,  
School nurse.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Westmoreland:

I herewith submit my annual report as superintendent of your schools.

Three teachers returned to our system this year. Miss Eugenia Clonaris was replaced by Mrs. Ruth Lessard, a graduate of Keene Teachers' College, who did her practice teaching in the Lincoln Street School in Keene.

The rearrangement of teaching assignments and pupil assignments recommended in last year's report was accomplished this year. All first, second and third grade pupils were assigned to the East School where one teacher has twenty-one pupils in the first grade and another teacher has twenty-seven pupils in grades two and three. All fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade pupils were assigned to the Village School where one teacher has twenty-four pupils in grades four and five and the other teacher has twenty-three pupils in grades six and seven.

In order to accomplish the above mentioned changes it was necessary to change transportation routes and beginning and dismissal times of the school day. These changes made it possible to get children home earlier in the afternoon. The increased cost of transportation was offset by closing the Depot school which allowed for savings in maintenance costs.

All of the pupils in Westmoreland are now housed in buildings that have reasonably modern facilities.

Late last spring the furnace at the South Village School developed a condition that required its replacement before the opening of school in September. This emergency was taken care of by obtaining authorization by the Westmoreland Mu-

nicipal Budget Committee and the State Board of Education to use \$1,950.00 of the unexpended balance of the school year 1953-1954 for the emergency need of a new heating plant. The actual cost of the heating plant and its installation was \$1,828.00. It is a forced hot air system that is providing adequate heat.

The enrollment this year is identical with what it was last year at this date. There is an anticipated increase of six pupils for the school year 1955-1956 and the school census indicates that there will be approximately fifteen children entering school each year until 1959 when twenty-six first graders can be expected. If class sizes remain the same, present facilities can take care of them. If there is an increase of five in any one grade, present facilities will be inadequate.

Increased enrollment is a national situation, as is the shortage of qualified teachers. The best current estimates show that it is statistically impossible to get enough qualified teachers to staff our schools fully in any one year between now and 1964. The law of supply and demand is causing a considerable increase in teacher's salaries.

The Westmoreland teachers have met once a month with the teachers of Supervisory Union 60 for the purpose of sharing information, studying ways and means of improving teaching methods and strengthening the curriculum. This year, particular emphasis has been placed on a study of mathematics, teaching methods and the teaching of mathematics fundamentals. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, the Westmoreland teachers will participate in a Reading Workshop to be held in Walpole for three days during the February vacation.

The committee and personnel who maintain the school lunch program are doing a fine job of providing a good noon-day meal for the pupils in the Westmoreland schools. Use of the town hall for the South Village school lunch program has been a great improvement.

## ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 7, 1955

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
East	21	14	13					48
Village				8	16	14	9	47
								95

Tuition pupils from Westmoreland attending other schools:

Grade	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Keene		4	3		2	9
Walpole	14	10	4	6	1	35
						44

I wish to thank the school board, teachers, pupils and citizens for their cooperation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ELLIOTT W. KEACH,  
 Superintendent of schools.

# VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
1954				
Jan. 21	Bellows Falls	Alan Lee	David L. Howland	Barbara Lumley
Apr. 4	Keene	William Thomas	Thomas W. Hatt	Gladys Hall
Mar. 18	Brattleboro	Linda Gail	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	Patricia Rounds
Apr. 7	Keene	Roy Ellis	Roger S. Maxham	Phyllis Scudder
June 4	Brattleboro	Rita Margaret	Edward H. Bittner	Ann E. Hickey
June 13	Bellows Falls	(Infant boy)	Alan Thompson	Joyce Tufts
June 20	Bellows Falls	Patricia Irene	Harry Davis, Jr.	Mildred Moody
Aug. 16	Keene	Horace Andrew, Jr.	Horace Kingsbury	Opal LaClair
Aug. 17	Bellows Falls	John Lawrence	Linwood L. Burt	Vera Libby
Aug. 27	Keene	Gary Paul	Paul R. Hatt	Ruth Dalzell
Nov. 2	Keene	Sharen Marie	Hudson Barkley	Shirley Hamel
Nov. 23	Keene	Deborah Ann	James Snyder	Madlyn Chickering
Dec. 10	Bellows Falls	Norma Jeanne	Oscar Makinen	Irene Daigneault

## MARRIAGES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
1954			
Jan. 24	Westmoreland	Richard L. Harrington Frances M. Chappell	Greenfield, Mass. Turner Falls, Mass.
May 24	Westmoreland	George E. Kingsbury Rosalie A. Stone	Westmoreland Sullivan
June 17	Toronto, Can.	Sterling E. Kenyon Maria Jelinek	Westmoreland Toronto, Can.
Aug. 20	Westmoreland	Clifford A. Sawyer Shirley Warren	Brookline, Mass. Boston, Mass.
Aug. 27	Westmoreland	William H. Morrill Barbara Thatcher	Westmoreland Falmouth, Mass.
Sept. 11	Walpole	Carroll C. Paine Shirley M. Pomeroy	Westmoreland Walpole
Sept. 18	Westmoreland	Arthur H. Hatt Barbara Ferguson	Westmoreland Keene
Nov. 12	Westmoreland	Carleton E. Roby Virginia R. Patton	Bellows Falls Westmoreland
Nov. 20	Westmoreland	William F. Davidson Vera Leland	Belmont, Mass. Portland, Me.
Dec. 24	Keene	Elton W. Blood Jean E. Sturtevant	Westmoreland Keene

**DEATHS**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
Jan. 17	Keene	Carla L. Chapin	*
July 4	Cornish, Me.	David G. Sawyer	17
Aug. 25	Hinesburg, Vt.	Ella B. Rounds	84
Oct. 3	Keene	Mabel R. Thatcher	88
Oct. 11	E. Westmoreland	Leon M. Osborne	83
Dec. 12	Langhorne, Pa.	Elizabeth G. Terry	80
Dec. 13	Surry	Nancy M. Douglas	63

\*3 mo., 2 da.

**BROUGHT TO TOWN FOR BURIAL**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
Jan. 9	Winchester	Charles H. Norcross	91
Feb. 13	Westmoreland	Bertha A. Snelling	55
Feb. 22	Rupert, Vt.	Elmer J. Parker Jr.	21
Mar. 1	North Hampton	Inez W. Britton	45
Mar. 26	Westmoreland	Lawrence C. Burt	64
Apr. 14		Lillian Chickering	83
Apr. 22	Worcester, Mass.	John A. Dunn	84
June 13	Bellows Falls	Infant Thompson	†
June 14		Flora L. Daggett	92
June 28	Westmoreland	Sue L. Knight	66
Oct. 24		Angela J. Shackleford	97
	†6 hours		

**DEATHS AT THE COUNTY FARM**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
1954			
Jan. 1	Gardiner, Me.	LaForest A. Philbrick	65
Jan. 2	Troy	Warren N. Clark	95
Feb. 14	Canada	Arthur Biron	75
Mar. 24	Charlestown	Wilbur B. Knight	88
May 17	Keene	John D. Grimes	79
June 10	Dublin	George G. Mason	85
Oct. 14	Keene	Martin H. Sullivan	82

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RUTH E. BURT,  
Town Clerk.







